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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Hourquebie, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/786,985 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: March 13, 2001 )  
For: MATERIAL WITH IMPROVED )  
RESISTANCE TO THERMAL AGEING )  
AND ITS METHOD OF PRODUCTION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a national phase of PCT/FR99/02238 which was filed on September  
21, 1999 and was published by the International Bureau in English on March 30, 2000."

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